INTRODUCTION TO WIKIS

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Introduction for TAFE Western Staff
What is a Wiki?

A wiki is a simple webpage that can be edited by anyone with membership to the wiki. The ‘wikispace’ software provided by Western Institute allow teachers to quickly create an online space which can be accessed by their students and/or other teachers. Wikis are often collaborative in nature allowing all members to contribute to, edit and organize the contents of the wiki. Documents, images and even emails can be attached to a wiki for communal viewing.

The most well-known wiki is the online collaborative encyclopedia, Wikipedia.

Getting Started

- Go to [http://www.wit.wikispaces.net](http://www.wit.wikispaces.net)
- Select JOIN (top right)
- In the ‘join now’ space type in a username, create a password and enter your email address.

NOTE: the wikispace is not connected to any other TAFE NSW systems so you do not need to use your DEC login.

Why use it?

Some of the ways wikis are being used at Western Institute include:

- Providing an online space where students can collect information such as class timetables or readings
- As a collaborative space linked to your Moodle
- Collaborating on project work in one place rather than losing the thread of communication through emails.

Want your own Wiki?

The administration of Western Institute Wikis is managed by Customer Innovation.

[Request your wiki site from Customer Innovation.](http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au)

Once you are given your wiki, you are the organizer in this space. At this point you can add resources, bring other staff and students into the site and teach within the site.

Where can I learn more?

[TEFE NSW communities](http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au)

[Wikispaces help Community](http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au)

[Wikipedia.org](http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au)